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SUBJECT: 49TH (SPECIAL) SESSION ICEM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. 1. ICEM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONCERNED ITSELF WITH REPORT ON THE WORK OF ICEM FOR CY1975, FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CY1975, FIRST REVISION OF 1976 BUDGET, ADVANCE PROGRAM AND BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 1977-78 AND REVISION OF SUGGESTIONS FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE ICEM CONSTITUTION.

2. HIGHLIGHT OF SESSION WAS A PROPOSAL BY CONGRESSMAN JOSHUA EILBERG TO HAVE ICEM INITIATE NEW MEASURES FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATION WITHIN THE CSCE CONTEXT. USDEL OF COURSE VOICED STRONG SUPPORT FOR THIS PROPOSAL. PROPOSAL WAS EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED AND IMMEDIATELY SUPPORTED BY MAJORITY OF EUROPEAN MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS PLUS ISRAEL. ICEM DIRECTOR THOMAS AGREED TO ACT IMMEDIATELY IN COOPERATION WITH THE RED CROSS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND REPORT RESULTS AT NEXT SESSIONS OF ICEM'S GOVERNING BODIES (NOVEMBER 1976).

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO ICEM'S PROGRAM AND BUDGET MATTERS. BUDGET FOR CY1975
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WAS BALANCED WITH SMALL CARRY-OVER RESULTING FROM INCOME

EARNED FROM U.S. PROGRAM FOR INDOCHINESE REFUGEES.
BUDGET FOR 1976 NOW HAS DEFICIT OF ABOUT \$1 MILLION AND
ADVANCE BUDGET FOR 1977-78 PROJECTS \$1.2 MILLION ANNUAL
SHORTFALL. ICEM PROPOSALS FOR ESTABLISHING NEW CONTINGENCY
FUND RECEIVED NO SUPPORT FROM ANY QUARTER.

4. USDEL URGED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE SUB-
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET AND FINANCE (SCBF) TO STUDY THE
QUESTION OF CHARGES FOR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE
ICEM'S REGULAR PROGRAM AND DEVELOP EQUITABLE FORMULA TO
BE APPLIED UNIFORMLY TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR
INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS REQUESTING ICEM TO UNDERTAKE
SPECIAL PROJECTS. PROPOSAL RECEIVED GENERAL SUPPORT AND
IT WAS DECIDED THAT SCBF WILL MEET FOR THIS PURPOSE AT
EARLY DATE. INFORMALLY SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN KRAAN
AGREED TO MEET DURING FIRST HALF OF JUNE. SCBF'S FIND-
INGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE FORWARDED TO MEMBERS
OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THEIR REACTIONS AND
APPROVAL. THIS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY MAIL ASAP
RATHER THAN WAITING FOR NOVEMBER SESSIONS OF EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL. MEANWHILE ICEM WILL PREPARE DATA
TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR SCBF'S DELIBERATIONS.

5. QUESTION OF REVISION OF ICEM CONSTITUTION DISCUSSED
ONLY BRIEFLY WITH USDEL SOUNDING NEGATIVE NOTE AND URGING
THAT MATTER BE PUT ASIDE FOR LATER CONSIDERATION. SINCE
LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF MEMBER GOVERNMENTS HAD REPLIED TO
QUESTIONNAIRE, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO DEFER CON-
SIDERATION OF MATTER UNTIL THE AUTUMN SESSIONS.

6. SUBJECT SESSION WAS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY AND ALL
POINTS IN U.S. POSITION PAPER WERE PURSUED SUCCESSFULLY.
WITH SESSION NOW CONCLUDED, CARLIN IS UNDERTAKING A
ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF
UNHCR, ICEM AND VOLAGS RE CURRENT MATTERS OF MUTUAL
INTEREST SUCH AS REFUGEES EX-USSR, SAFEHAVEN OPERATION
IN ATHENS, PROCESSING OF KURDS IN FRANKFURT, INDOCHINESE
REFUGEE PROGRAM AND OF COURSE FINANCIAL MATTERS.
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